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POWER
LOK SABHA

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PENDING HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether many proposed hydro-power projects are pending for clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the government in this regard; and

(c) the details of hydro-electric projects cleared by the Union Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : As per available information, five Hydro-electric Projects are at present pending environmental and forestry clearance.

(b) : According to Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, assessmentof a proposal is to be completed within 90 days of receipt of complete information and decision is communicated within 30 days thereafter.

(c) : The following Hydro-electric Projects have been approved during the year 2003 by the Ministry of Environment & Forests :

(1) Bairabi Dam & Hydro-electric Project (Mizoram)

(2) Sewa Hydro-electric Project (Mizoram).

(3) Lower Subansiri Hydro-electric Project (Arunachal Pradesh)

(4) Teesta Low Dam Stage-III (West Bengal).